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SUBJECT: VISIT TO INDIA AND SRI LANKA OF NASA ADMINISTRATOR
FLETCHER

REF: A. NEW DELHI 4810; B. NEW DELHI 4983; C. NEW DELHI 5251

1. SCICOUNS VREBALOVICH PLANS TO ACCOMPANY FLETCHER AND BARNES,
NASA, IN TOUR OF SITE FACILITIES IN INDIA FROM APRIL 16-24.

2. SCICOUNS WILL ACCOMPANY FLETCHER TO COLOMBO TO VISIT
ARTHUR C. CLARKE, THE FATHER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE.
CLARKE HAS BEEN A CONSULTANT ON THE SITE PROGRAM SINCE ITS
INCEPTION.

3. SCICOUNS HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO GO TO COLOMBO UNDER
POSSIBLE NSF SPONSORSHIP (REFTEL A). FLETCHER HAS CHANGED
HIS PLANS TO INCLUDE COLOMBO (NOTE ITEM 2 IN REFTEL B).

4. CONSULTATION WILL BE HELD WITH CLARKE ON HIS EVALUATION AND
PROJECTONS ON THE SITE PROJECT. OTHER VISITS SCICOUNS
PROPOSES TO MAKE ARE NOTED IN REFTEL A.

5. DO DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY COLOMBO CONCUR IN SRI LANKA
PORTION OF TRIP? SCHNEIDER

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